

HUNGRY PEOPLE FIGHT FOR FOOD.

Kill Each Other in Order to Get a Crumb of Bread in Italy.

SOLDIERS GUARD THE SUPPLY.

Hand Out the Coarse Loaves to the Starving People at the Point of Bayonets—Italians Hope That Battleships Will Come.

United Press Telegram.
ROME, Jan. 1.—Relief measures now in operation at Messina and Reggio are wholly inadequate to meet the terrible demands made upon them. Reports from both these places today say that every time food is offered the hunger-crazed survivors soldiers have to stand guard to keep people from killing each other in the mad scramble.

At Reggio two soldiers who were guarding the scant supplies were killed in a hysterical rush for the stock of provisions. Women carrying emaciated children joined in the fight and a number of persons were injured before the mob was driven back. The soldiers at Messina are handing out wads of coarse bread at the point of bayonet. Half rations of the sent kind are being given them, there will be almost a complete shortage before provisions again arrive.

Some of the food the starving people are digging from the ruins is in such a state of decomposition that certain death follows its consumption. The American student Scorpion left Constantinople today for Messina.

The Italian Government is hoping America will order her fleet of 16 battleships to stop at Messina and other doubtful points to aid in the rescue work. The only way to keep down the dreadful dimensions of the quake is to send all survivors away, and the authorities are attempting to do this.

Warrships off the coast of Messina are bombarding several places where fire has broken out. This is the only available means of fighting the flames.

The Queen had to be forced to remain in Messina today when the King left for Reggio. She begged to be allowed to accompany her husband but the horror of the spectacle in the Calabrian towns was considered too great for her to witness, and her urgent request was denied.

Shooting between the soldiers and looters continued throughout the night and today the King ordered immediate dispatch 10,000 additional soldiers to Sicily.

Estimates of the dead still conflicting. The Marine Ministry is inclined to think its estimate of yesterday of 115,000 will not have to be raised unless the reported destruction of the Lipari Islands is confirmed. The Marquis Di Ruvoito puts the number at 300,000, but he is alone in this estimate.

RELIEF MEASURES ARE TAKING SHAPE.

Italians of Uniontown Will Give an Entertainment to Help Raise Funds for Italy.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—Plans for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers are rapidly taking form in Uniontown. Sunday afternoon there will be a meeting of all the Protestant pastors of the town to discuss the ways and means of securing relief funds one of which will be to present an entertainment under the auspices of the Italian Christian Club. The use of the West End theatre has been extended by Manager Harry Beeson.

Monday night there will be a mass meeting of the Italians in the West End theatre and it is expected that men of this race from all over this section will be in attendance. Banker H. Fusario is in receipt of a communication from the Italian Consul in Pittsburg authorizing him to collect funds for the relief of the stricken people. His fund was started with a \$100 contribution from F. M. Seaman, Jr., assistant cashier of the First National Bank.

Exceptions Are Filed.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—Attorneys for the Naomi Coal Company have filed exceptions to the decision of Judge Van Swearingen in refusing to make permanent the injunction restraining Mrs. Elizabeth S. Moore from terminating her contract with the company.

For a New Court House. The grand jury of Lebanon county has recommended the erection of an entirely new court house on the site of the one recently gutted by fire, the cost not to exceed \$200,000.

PIER DESTROYED.

Baltimore Has Another Conflagration Which Threatened the City.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—(Special)—After a hard fight in which the flames at times leaped as high as 100 feet in the air, Canton and Baltimore firemen aided by fireboats and railroad tugs, secured control of a fire which for nearly four hours had raged along Baltimore's water front. It destroyed the pier of the Baltimore Steerage & Lighterage Company. For a time the flames threatened the American Chemical & Fertilizer Company, the Pennsylvania railroad's elevator No. 1, and other property. The loss cannot be estimated at present.

INDIANA WOMAN MAY BE MRS. STONE.

Description Resembles Her Very Much But Mr. Stone Is Not Sure That It Is Her.

Mrs. Bertha May Stone, the missing wife of W. A. Stone, the Uniontown steel operator and banker, is believed to have been located in Greensburg, Indiana, although Mr. Stone says the description furnished him is not accurate. Last night a woman boarded a train at that place purchasing a ticket for Massillon, O. Her husband last night was in communication with Indianapolis detectives and operatives of the Perkins detective agency of Pittsburgh. He is not positive that the woman is his wife although the description favors her. Detectives will be at Massillon today to meet all incoming trains. The woman is said to be unaccompanied.

Mrs. Stone left Greensburg, Indiana, it is said, at 7:30 o'clock last night, Emery Martin, who left Uniontown on the same day that Mrs. Stone disappeared, was seen in Greensburg as late as last Sunday, but did not leave with her last night. The alleged Mrs. Stone checked two trunks to Massillon. The check number on the baggage has been sent to the detective.

In a telegram from Indiana last night it was said that Mrs. Stone was in the best of health, but was very nervous. Martin, the telegram says, has been working at his trade of painting.

The clue to the whereabouts of Mrs. Stone followed her appearance, a barber shop in Greensburg, where it is said, she was having her hair marcelled. Her actions and appearance attracted the attention of the manciple and Mr. Stone was called up over the long distance telephone.

It is said that Mr. Stone recently got a letter which his wife had written to her mother on the day she left home. It had been entrusted to a friend for delivery, but when Mr. Stone committed suicide the letter was kept until a few days ago when it was given Mr. Stone. It is said she asks her mother to take care of the children and "Will" meeting Mr. Stone. She did not say she was unhappy or that her domestic life was miserable. She merely pleaded an irresistible impulse to leave her home.

Mrs. Stone left Uniontown on Wednesday, December 2, when Mr. Stone was in Pittsburg attending the American mining congress. At the same time Emery Martin, a merchant of Hopwood, a suburb of Uniontown, where the Stones lived, also disappeared. A week later Mrs. Charlotte Ingles, the mother of Mrs. Stone, killed herself by cutting her throat in the collar of the Stone home. In the meantime Mr. Stone, in an effort to get his wife back, offered a reward of \$2,500 for her recovery, and spared neither time nor money in an effort to bring home the mother of his five children. Until yesterday no tangible or practical clue to her had been received.

YEAR BEGAN WITH NO POLICE PRISONERS.

Connellsville Bastile Started With a Clean Cockpit—Much Noise But No Arrests.

Burgess Solson started 1909 with a clean sheet this morning as there was not a single prisoner in the police station. The jailification last night was noisy but orderly and no arrests resulted. All the prisoners sentenced during the last few days have either served their time out or paid as the lockup was empty this morning after the sleepers had been released.

It is thought that the December business in police court will be productive of but little revenue. November was the worst month for business. Burgess Solson has encountered but he had today that December would be almost as bad.

Asged Man Killed.

Amos B. Ailes, of Coal Centre, Washington county, aged 32 years, was run down by a locomotive and instantly killed.

The Weather.

Fair tonight and Saturday, except show flurries near the lakes; slowly rising temperature Saturday, the report of the noon weather bulletin.

AUDIT CASE GOES TO SUPREME COURT.

Council for Byrne and Van Swearingen Argued the Case Yesterday.

MESTREZAT GRANTS APPEAL.

Case Will Be Taken Up on First Monday of the Next Session of the Supreme Court in Philadelphia—Three Courts Involved.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—An appeal to the Supreme Court was allowed today in the case of William Lukins and others against John R. Byrne, in which the Superior Court handed down an opinion reversing the finding of the Fayette county court, and declaring the Corrupt Practices Act unconstitutional.

The case was argued yesterday afternoon before Justice S. L. Mestrezat who is now at Uniontown and the following order was made in all the cases covering the Van Swearingen case also:

"And now January 1, 1909, it appearing that the question raised by the record involves the construction of the Constitution of this Commonwealth an appeal is allowed and ordered to be heard in Philadelphia on the first Monday of the next session of the Supreme Court."

The cases involve the filing of election expense accounts and their auditing. The expense accounts of John R. Byrne, County Chairman, and J. Q. Van Swearingen, candidate for Judge were attacked. The accounts were filed but Lukins wanted them audited and he has been working without rest and has decided that it will be best to resign for the present. He will resign up for March or April and then consider several propositions he has received.

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The fact upon the question.

The fact that Judge Mestrezat who is visiting his home at Uniontown gave the counsel for the defendants an excellent opportunity to argue the case, and this was taken advantage of yesterday afternoon.

BIG TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

All the County Papers and Documents For 125 Years Have Been Rearranged and Carefully Filed.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—Papers representing nearly half a million legal actions are on file in the Prothonotary's office and on Thursday the task of going over the entire lot, which has been in progress for nearly a year, was completed and the last paper put on file in its proper place. The work of re-examining, dusting and replacing the lot was carried out under the instructions from the County Commissioners and the task accomplished by Craig Allison, who has worked on it at various times during the past year. The Commissioners installed new fire proof file cases in the Prothonotary's office and it was decided to re-examine in New Haven and in Greenwood but as yet there is no clue to the identity of the persons who are committing the robberies.

The records in that office consist of all the papers that have ever been presented in the Common Pleas Court and Court of Quarter Sessions, habeas corpus, proceedings, mechanics liens, insolvent proceedings, equity, alimony, executions, etc., during the past century and a quarter. The first papers were filed in 1789 and the volume of business since that time, 125 years ago, has shown a steady increase. At one time 100 papers were filed and each term the number has ranged between 100 and 1100, making about half a million papers in the 125 years during which they were recorded.

All the papers have been in the present court house since its construction in 1891-2, at which time they were moved in from the Walker building, used as a temporary court house while the new one was under construction.

It is not likely that the work just completed by Mr. Allison will ever be repeated.

Dunbar Suggestion Meeting.

A suggestion meeting of the Republicans of Dunbar township will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Hotel Columbia in New Haven to choose candidates to fill the offices of the township.

Paul Runder Injured.

Paul Runder of Whistler, Pa., an employee of the Hostetter Coal Company, is at the Cottage State hospital as the result of a fall of slate in the mines late yesterday afternoon. He has several slight scalp wounds and an injured back. His condition is not thought to be serious.

DIDN'T ESCAPE.

Italian Tried To Make His Getaway But Is Apprehended.

While trying to escape arrest Nick Depewto of Dunbar was arrested this morning on the Pennsylvania passenger train in New Haven by Constable William Shrum on charge of the fledgling Guy Cerrando a member of the firm of Cerrando & Palladino of Connellsville.

Depewto owned the firm a bill amounting to a little over \$7. On learning of the warrant for his arrest he boarded the train for Latrobe but was captured in New Haven before arriving at his destination. The case was settled by the defendant paying the costs and the amount of money owed the company.

BERG WILL LEAVE TRI-STATE COMPANY.

District Manager Resigns After Five Years Service in Connellsville. Was Well Liked.

Benjamin L. Berg, district manager of the American Union Telephone Company, this morning handed in his resignation and will retire from the telephone field, for the present at least.

The affair was the first event of the kind to be held in Uniontown as well as the largest social function ever held. It was not only a fitting close for the old year but for the closing of the Yuletide season as well. The occasion was noteworthy for the large number of out of town guests present and the elaborately gowned women. The spacious hall room presented a scene of dazzling beauty with the members of the company resplendent in their uniforms and the beautifully dressed gowns worn by the ladies. The decorations were artistically carried out in insignia of the regiment, large American flags and bunting.

In the receiving line were Colonel and Mrs. J. M. Reid, Major and Mrs. L. P. McCormick, Lieutenant and Mrs. R. S. McKee, Captain and Mrs. Harry Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feltz, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Munson, Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Behard, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Leche, Miss Mary Snyder.

Following the reception was the grand march led by Wilhelm Hetzel and Miss Lillian Oberly. Dancing followed and about 11 o'clock there was an intermission during which time there was a drill by entire company. Dancing was resumed until shortly before midnight when there was an other cessation and the approach of the closing of the old year was announced by the blowing of the bugle. As the notes died away at a given signal the company discharged their guns breaking the cords which held together the American flag, depending from the center of the ballroom. As the flag unfastened a shower of carnations was loosened upon the dancers as pouvres. Kiferle's full piece orchestra furnished music and a buffet luncheon was served throughout the evening. Dancing was indulged in until after 2 o'clock.

The out-of-town guests present were Miss Pearl Green of St. Mary's, W. Va., Miss Grace May of Beaver Falls, Misses Druana and Lucy Johns, Miss Elizabeth Hubbard, Miss Edith Abraham, Miss Mabel Witt, Miss Nellie Sharpe, Harry Sharp, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Elliott, J. D. Armstrong, J. T. Cramer, J. I. Cotton, Lieutenant A. E. Crowe, Lieutenant C. R. Abraham, Lieutenant J. K. Parsons of Uniontown; Miss Bertha McFarland of Dickerson Run, Miss Helen Fleunken, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kurtz, and A. M. Thompson of Dawson; Dr. W. S. Kinney of Tower Hill; F. R. McElvay, F. C. Coffey of Somersett; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smither, the Misses McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lioucks, Misses Besse and Celia Reid of Scottdale; Mrs. Jenie Wythe of Harvard, Ill., Miss Bessie Colwickbank of Toronto, Canada, Miss Myrtle Bailey, and Dr. and Mrs. Bailey of Greensburg, Canon City, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Foltz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Yo, of Dunbar; C. D. Ellison of McKeesport, John M. Murphy of Pittsburg, Misses Mary and Elizabeth Nott of Monaca.

HOSPITAL REPORT.

Eighteen Patients Admitted During The Month.

The report of the Cottage State hospital for the month of December was submitted this morning by the Superintendent Miss Catherine Zeiser. During the month there were no deaths.

The report is as follows: Number of patients at the beginning of the month, 19; number admitted 13; number discharged 17; number remaining 20; out patients treated, 10; return visits paid, 48.

Marijuana Subscriptions.

Subscriptions to the amount of \$4,007.30 were received up to Tuesday, at Washington, for the relief of the Marijuana miners families.

MILITARY BALL.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

Largest Gathering of the Kind Ever Held in Connellsville.

LADIES WERE RESPLENDENT.

In Beautiful Costumes, While the Decorations And Other Appointments Were Carefully and Tastefully Carried Out.

BERESEY TO MAKE HIS GETAWAY.

Decides to Pay Fine After Being Locked Up a Few Hours.

George Ville of Vanderbuilt was arrested last evening on a West Penn street car by Constable William Roland of Dunbar township, for being disorderly on the car. He was taken off near Leisering and from there taken to Square George Graham's office where he was given a hearing on a charge of disorderly conduct made by Constable Roland. On refusing to pay his fine and costs he was placed in the New Haven lockup where he remained until he decided to settle the case by paying the required amount.

SATURNALIA OF NOISE FOR 1909.

Boisterous Welcome Ushers In New Year and Coldest Morning of Year.

MERCURY TO 10 DEGREES.

Town Has Holiday Air Though Only Banks Are Closed and Post Office Observes Special Hours—Ice is Forming Along Yough River Banks.

The first day of the new year set a record for cold weather as the mercury dropped lower this morning than at any previous time this winter. Since yesterday morning there was a full of twelve degrees and at eight o'clock in the West Penn thermometer registered an even 10 degrees above zero. This is by several degrees the coldest morning of the season.

The cold snap followed the rain of Wednesday. Thursday morning it was 22 but by evening it had dropped to 15. Five degrees difference was recorded between last evening and this morning.

Ice is beginning to form in the river and if the cold snap continues the stream may freeze over. The river remains about stationary and the gauge records practically the same stage that has prevailed for the past several days.

Aside from the closing of the banks and holiday hours at the postoffice, New Year's Day is going along a good bit the same as other days that come and go. The fact of it being a legal holiday has had the effect of making those who have to work do as little of it as possible. The politicians are inaugurating the new year with increased activity, in view of the approaching primary. They are much in evidence about the hotels and other centers to which voters gravitate.

A number of good resolutions were both made and broken this morning while the annual voyage of the water wagon began with a full complement of officers and men. The crusade will be short for many but a few will likely hang on to the end of the year.

The new year was ushered in with a royal welcome at midnight. There was a big crowd on the streets who made merry until the wee small hours. Revolvers, loaded with blank cartridges, were fired while as the incoming new year made its debut there was a saturnal of noise from clanging bells and shrieking whistles. For the first time in many years the fire whistles of both Connellsville and New Haven were silent but those on the many factories and locomotives in the Baltimore & Ohio yards made up for these.

Following the usual custom watch night services were held at several of the churches in the presence of large gatherings who had assembled to watch the old year out and to welcome in the new year. At the Trinity Lutheran Church the Luther League had charge of the services and the evening was one of much enjoyment. The meeting opened with a devotional service followed by the regular business session. Satisfactory reports were read by the committee on prayer meeting, the corresponding secretary, the finance treasurer, the junior Superintendent, the membership committee, the music committee and social committee.

The business session was followed by a literary and musical program. Rev. L. K. Wissner pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Uniontown, delivered an address on "The Model Luther League Prayer Meeting." Rev. D. W. Michaels, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Scottdale, gave an address on "The Modern Luther League Business Meeting." The program was closed by a social session until midnight when the closing of the blowing of whistles, the ringing of bells, and the discharging of revolvers.

Watch night services were also held at the Methodist Protestant and United Brethren Churches. Devotional exercises were held until midnight.

In Social Circles.

Silver Thimble Club Entertained.

The Silver Thimble Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Joseph Rilling yesterday afternoon at her home on Cedar avenue between the hours of 2:30 and 5 o'clock. All members were present as well as a number of guests of the club. The afternoon was spent in fancy work and "500" until 4:30 o'clock when refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. K. Allen Thursday afternoon.

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Cinco This Evening.

The beautiful cantata "The Shepherd King" by Charles Gabriel will be presented this evening at 8 o'clock in the United Presbyterian Church on the corner of South Pittsburg street and Morton avenue. The cantata will be in charge of the choir composed of Miss Christine Snedden, Mrs. K. Lawrence Smith, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. J. F. Kerr, Mrs. John Davis, William Griffith, James Russell and Frank Rojgines, assisted by a chorus of about 40 voices. During the rest period the choir has been very forcible in securing the services of such talented render as Prof. Jerome Hannon of Pittsburgh. No admission will be charged and all are invited to come and enjoy an evening with the Sunday school. A silver offering will be taken.

Ald Society Meets.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Trinity Lutheran Church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Silcox and completed arrangements for a mile of pennies to be collected by the ladies. The pennies will be turned over to the treasurer on June 1 and will be placed in the new church fund. The meeting was the regular monthly one and was well attended.

Delightful Social Gathering.

About twenty-five young people watched the old year out and the new one in last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe in New Haven. The evening was spent in various game and music and at midnight a dainty luncheon was served. The out of town guest present was W. Helmbaugh of Uniontown.

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Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Rilling entertained the members of the club and their husbands. Five hundred was played until a late hour when a sumptuous repast was served. The out of town guests present were: Miss Nellie Workman of Youngwood; Mrs. R. F. Sample in Uniontown; Mrs. W. Miller of Fairchance, and Mrs. Charles Wolfsberger of Rockwood. The meeting was pronounced as one of the most enjoyable ones in the history of the club. For the past year or more it has been the pleasure of the members of the club and their husbands

to enjoy the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Rilling on New Year's eve.

No Rosin in It

Nothing but high grade soap and naphtha in P. & G.

Naphtha Soap.

The first thing you notice, when you unwrap a cake of P. & G. Naphtha Soap is the color of it—white.

That shows there is no rosin in it.

Most naphtha soaps are yellow—they contain rosin.

There is a saying among soap manufacturers to the effect that 5 per cent rosin in soap is all right; more than 5 per cent is all wrong.

Some naphtha soaps contain as much as 25% rosin. Do you know why? Rosin is cheap. That is why.

And so we offer this advice: Never buy any other than a white naphtha soap.

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5 cents a cake, worth more.

hold this afternoon. A very excellent program has been arranged for the occasion.

John Duggan was in Uniontown yesterday.

Mrs. Robert Anderson and two children of Avondale were town yesterday.

Albert Kerr left last evening for Union, N. C. where he has accepted a position with the St. Louis Lumber Company.

Misses Lillian Good

CAR BUTTED INTO A HOUSE,

West Penn One Smashed
Down a Porch at
Scottsdale

ON IT LEFT THE TRACKS.

Peculiar Accident Last Night.—Noisy
Ushering in of New Year.—Two
Visit Mercy Hospital—Many to Hear
Gipsy Smith.

SCOTTDALE, Jan. 1.—The year was
closed for the West Penn Railways
Company so far as this town is con-
cerned by one of the most peculiar
accidents of railroading, when car No.
224 in charge of Motorman C. F. Ward,
of Mt. Pleasant, and Conductor C. H.
Lilly, of Scottsdale, left the track at
Broadway and Loucks Avenue, where
the tracks diverge on the Mt. Pleasant
route and the Hunker route to
Greensburg. When the car left the
tracks it ran into the house occupied
by Mrs. L. L. Maritz. A stone retain-
ing wall about three feet high sur-
rounds the house, and the car struck
at the corner of the wall, crushed it
down, and then caught the porch on
the corner, knocked out the posts
from under it, smashed the floor and
generally cleared it up. Door tracks
through the limestone pavements and
a cut through the curb shows the
course made by the wheels of the
heavy car when it took the idea of run-
ning independent of rails. There was
no one injured beyond one woman it
is reported, who received some
scratches from broken glass. The sur-
prise of the people in the house when
the car struck it must have been ex-
treme, as well as any of those who
saw the car leave the tracks and glide
across the street, and then smash into
the porch. The passengers were all
shaken up. A big crowd soon gathered
about the car which was afterward
replaced on the track and traffic re-
sumed. The car left on the turn going
from Broadway onto Loucks Avenue,
due to the switch points, it is
said, failing to work properly.

Burgess Visits Pittsburg.

Burgess, William Ferguson, accompanied by his physician, Dr. James P. Stricker, went to Pittsburg on the early train this morning. Mr. Ferguson was operated on in Mercy hospital there some weeks ago and has been getting along nicely ever since. The visit today is one to see the surgeon who made the operation and consult with him as to the patient's condition. Mr. Ferguson's recovery so far has been remarkably rapid.

To Hear Gipsy Smith.

A large number of Scottsdale people are arranging to visit Pittsburg and hear Gipsy Smith, the famous "cav-
alist, who will be at Exposition hall from tomorrow until Friday. Just what date they will go in has not been decided, but arrangements are being made for such a trip. From Ohio, West Virginia and this end of the Pennsylvania requests are being sent in from different towns where his fame has spread asking for the prints of the meetings. Robert Ritchie said today that the talk of going to the meetings is very widespread, and that Scottsdale will have a large delegation. Several men are going down for the opening meeting tomorrow. It is said, Scottsdale ministers will be represented at the meeting for Ministers on Monday morning at the First Presbyterian Church at 10:30.

Taken to Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Hixson, wife of Chas. D. Hix-
son of near Jacob Creek Church,
southeast of here, was taken to Mercy
hospital, Pittsburg, yesterday, for an
operation. She was recently in the
Mt. Pleasant hospital for treatment
and it is believed that she would re-
cover, but it was found necessary to
take her to Mercy.

To Celebrate New Year.

The Scandinavian Brotherhood has
arranged to celebrate the New Year
in the North Scottsdale Mission Church
Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Among
those appearing on the program are
Miss Hilda Edberg, Miss Lizzie John-
son, Mrs. Ernest Young, Miss Lena
Roush, Mrs. S. Johnson, and Phillip
Roush. There will also be several out
of town people who will take part in
the exercises.

Gambles at Church.

Rev. James E. Hutchison, pastor of
the First Presbyterian Church, will
preach on the subject "Gambles" at
that church next Sunday evening. In
the morning Mr. Griggs will address the
congregation on the subject of the
Y. M. C. A.

New Year Brought In.

The advent of 1909 was marked at
midnight with a tremendous blowing
of whistles, that made one of the
noisiest demonstrations of the kind
ever heard here. There were all sorts
of other rattles mixed in with it too,
among them being a drum corps that
marched over the streets playing
loudly.

Somerset Italian Quake Victim.

SOMERSET, Jan. 1.—Word was re-
ceived here yesterday afternoon that
Frank Blechieri, who was well known
in Somerset county as bridge build-
er and who was spending the winter
with relatives in Sicily, was killed in
the earthquake disaster.

Try Our Classified Ads.
They only cost one cent a word
and always bring results.

The Scrap Book

Oyster Crackers.

Mrs. Black knew that the girl was
raw, but she had engorged her for that
very reason, feeling that by careful
instruction she might be able to de-
velop North's latent possibilities into
a fairly expert handling of the affairs
in her dining room. Taking her into
the dining room, she showed her in
detail where everything was, from the
saltcellar to the salt forks; initiated
her into the mysteries of the china
cabinet and otherwise gave her a pretty
comprehensive first lesson in domestic
economy.

"Now, at dinner, Norah," she went
on, "we always begin with oysters on
the shell. Mr. Black is very fond of
them."

"Yes, ma'am," said North, a gleam
of intelligence lighting up her blue
eyes. "And do I be after puttin' on
th' poor crackers wid 'em?"

"Nut crackers?" demanded Mrs.
Black. "What for?"

"To break open 'em shells, ma'am,"
explained North. "Sure they do be
hard tings to crack wid yer teeth."
—Lippincott's.

Insisted on a Miracle.

Dr. Walter C. Smith, the popular
Scottsdale poet-preacher, on one occasion
tried to explain to an old lady the
meaning of the Scriptural expression,
"Take up thy bed and walk," by saying
that the bed was simply a mat or
rug easily taken up and carried away.
"No, no," replied the lady. "I can't
believe that. The bed was a regular
four poster. There would be no imprac-
tice in walking away wi' a bit o' mat
or rug on your back!"

Making it Plain.

In the course of his sermon the
preacher in a rural district used the
word phenomenon. This word caused
one of the members some trouble, for
he was unable to attach any meaning
to it. Finally he determined to seek
an explanation from the minister and
at the close of the service approached
him on the subject.

"What did you mean by that there
long word you used in yer sermon?" he
began.

"Oh, I see you do not know what a
phenomenon is," replied the minister.
"Well, you ever seen a cow graz-
ing in a field in which thistles were
growing?"

"Yes; many a time."

"That is not a phenomenon. And no
doubt you have often listened to a lark
singin' merrily away up in the clouds!"

"Yes."

"That, again, is not a phenomenon.
But if you saw that cow sitin' on a
thistle singin' like a lark that would
be a phenomenon."

Optimist and Pessimist.

Stuck, Rosenfeld once wrote a com-
edy entitled "The Optimist," which
achieved success after its production,
but was a long time reaching the
stage. Manager after manager refused
the manuscript, and one day Mr. Ros-
enfeld, whose patience was exhaust-
ed, blurted out to his sole auditor:

"Of course you don't appreciate the
play! You don't even know the mean-
ing of its name!"

"Yes, I do," protested the impresario.
"Well," insisted Rosenfeld, "what's
the difference between an optimist and a
pessimist?"

The manager barely hesitated. "An
optimist is an eye doctor," he said; "a
pessimist is a foot doctor."

Would Have the Author.

During a performance of Sophocles'
"Antigone" at the Theater Royal, Dubuque, the gallery gods, a very
important portion of the audience in that
city, were greatly pleased and, according
to their custom, called for the author.

The manager barely hesitated. "An
author is a dead person," he said; "a
play is a living person."

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parents of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerwin for
the past few days, left Wednesday for
her home of Elizabeth, Pa.

Mr. George W. Wiskart was a business
caller in Elizabeth Wednesday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Doyle were the
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before the subscriber, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared James J. Driscoll, who being duly sworn according to law, did depon and say:

The Daily Courier is a daily newspaper published in Connellsville, Pa. and the number of papers printed during the week ending Saturday, December 20, 1908, was as follows:

December 21 5,782
December 22 5,784
December 23 5,720
December 24 5,882
December 25 No issue
December 26 5,720

Total 28,724

Daily Average 5,751

That the daily circulation by months for 1908 was as follows:

1908. Total Daily
Month. Copies. Avg.

January 141,783 5,665

February 131,161 5,165

March 140,520 5,600

April 128,415 4,922

May 140,834 5,031

June 141,021 5,400

July 141,221 5,221

August 140,800 5,000

September 140,739 5,214

October 135,087 5,120

Total 1,726,024 6,000

That the daily circulation by months for the year 1908 to date was as follows:

1908. Total Daily
Month. Copies. Avg.

January 150,841 5,037

February 140,733 4,922

March 150,733 5,028

April 161,000 5,214

May 150,077 5,003

June 150,070 5,000

July 151,477 5,000

August 150,800 5,000

September 145,500 5,000

And further as follows:

JAS. J. DRISCOLL,
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 28th day of December, 1908.

HUSTED, A. CHOW, N. P.

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 1, 1909.

STRICKEN ITALY'S SAD AND SORROWING NEW YEAR.

The Italian catastrophe grows in horror with the days. In Southern Italy the Glad New Year is ushered in upon a country depopulated, desolated, destroyed; two provinces shaken out of all civilized semblance; a group of islands with 23,000 happy people, hitherto living in a land of sunshine and gladness, suddenly sunk into the depths of the sea.

If the report be true that the Lipari Islands have been swallowed up, Greek legend has lost the Aeolian Islands and the Forge of Vulcan. It is probable that the center of the seismic disturbance was at or near these islands, on one of which the ever active volcano of Stromboli, "the Forge of Vulcan," was situated. If the force of the eruption found it vent here, it is easily understood how a mighty subsidence of the earth's crust, following a corresponding upheaval, has swallowed up with one mighty gash all this populous, fair and fruitful country, leaving not a wrack behind.

The mind can hardly grasp the magnitude of the Italian disaster. Our nation is stirred to its depth by the news of mining disasters in which scores or perhaps hundreds of lives have been sacrificed. The civilized world holds out its hands in horror and in protest against the ravages of hellish war which sacrifice hundreds or thousands of brave men who go forth to fight. How much more terrible then is the calamity which has overtaken the sunny land of Italy, destroying whole cities, devastating whole provinces, sinking bodily into the abysmal depths of the sea populous islands, and numberless its victims, not by thousands or tens of thousands, but by hundreds of thousands.

It has been a Sad New Year for Stricken Italy. Let us who are more fortunate in both our surroundings and our circumstances lend our aid generously to a cause which appeals so pitifully so powerfully, so dumbly yet so undeniably to all whose hearts have not turned to stone and whose bowels of compassion have not shrivelled up.

NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION,
CONSUMPTION AND PRICES.

The consumption of natural gas continues to increase in this section, and while we let a portion of our supplies from West Virginia we in turn sell a portion of our surplus to Ohio. Upon the whole Western Pennsylvania is the greatest producer and the great-

est consumer of this incomparable fuel, and it would keenly feel the loss even diminution of it.

The development of big gassers in Greene county is reassuring in view of the attempts of West Virginia lawmakers to restrict if not actually forbid the sale of natural gas outside of that state. It is exceedingly questionable, however, whether such a law would be constitutional.

The report for 1907 shows that while this immediate section is not far removed from an abundant supply of natural gas the domestic rate is a trifle higher than the average. The domestic rate now is 25 cents net, though it formerly was but 20 cents, while the average rate for 1907 was 21.2 cents.

The inwise and unbusinesslike policy of selling wholesale gas at 10 cents when 25 cents is readily obtainable from domestic consumers is not open to question, and can only be explained on the hypothesis that the producers need the money.

THE GLOOMY OLD YEAR
AND THE PROMISING NEW.

We may say with pleasure as well with hope, what we hesitated in doubt and fear to say to our readers one year ago, Happy New Year!

The past year was full of trouble for the people of this country. Starting in the fall of 1906 with the Wall Street Bank Wreckers' Panic the whole country was quickly involved in business depression, illness and distress, with the natural depressing effect of a presidential election to add to the burdens of recovery. But the burdens were carried manfully and well, and with the close of the year and the success of the party of sanity and safety the business world is full of confidence and the wheels of industry are moving at an accelerated and accelerating pace. The New Year opens up bright for business and written largely upon its golden dawn is the word Prosperity.

Not only was 1907 a depressing year in business, but in many other matters it has a gloomy record. Its disasters embrace theater and school accidents, minute mine explosions and destructive forest fires, drought and tornadoes, cholera and bubonic plague, ending with the greatest catastrophe in the world's history of optimism.

The Glad New Year is always happy in its good resolutions, and 1908 will be no exception to the rule. New Year's resolutions are usually made to be broken, but they are not on this account to be despised. Some of them are sometimes kept faithfully and are productive of much happiness. Be the harvest ever so small the planting is profitable. Let us all, therefore, resolve to do better and be better. We will be better for the resolution if we keep it but for a day. It is not necessary to supplement such resolutions by solemn oath the breaking of which while not perjury from a legal standpoint is a publication of weakness if not sinfulness and a distinct loss in personal credibility.

The New Year opens with hopes of better things, and let us all do what we can to make them better; for others as well as for ourselves, to the end that it may in fact be as we in name be a Happy New Year.

A DECISION FOUNDED ON
CUSTOM AND COMMON SENSE.

The Fayette County Court has decided that a Justice of the Peace is removable from office under a legislative regulation notwithstanding the Constitution says that elective officers shall be removed by the Governor on the address of the Senate.

The Constitution in this particular referred to elective borough and township offices it would be a screaming farce. The Senate and the Governor would have to sit continuously to hear complaints concerning recalcitrant Town Councilmen, School Directors, Town Constables and other petty officers. Under the existing laws and practice, which have never been called into question, such removals have been by the courts and in some instances by the local bodies themselves as for example in the case of School Boards.

The decision of Judge Van Swearinger is founded on custom and common sense.

Fairmont has landed a \$1,000,000 at present in a better location with respect to railroad and other raw material resources, but because it has free water navigation, yet some people think the construction of the Tug is the dream of dreamers, not worth consideration if actually required.

The Old Year was humorously and merrily jounced out.

Fayette county coal land buyers are again looking toward West Virginia.

The busy burglar is respectfully advised that a good New Year's resolution for him to adopt is one which pledges himself to get a job of honest work and to keep it in position to the world in the face without constant fear of the law's heavy hand.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries are promising to be good. This encouraging

Let's all throw our hummers in the junk heap.

Foraker's last hope has fled.

Uncle Sam doesn't stand on cerebration when suffering humanity stretches from the sky. Some violations of laws and regulations are justifiable by the Higher Law.

Write it 1909.

The West Penn collided with Scott last night.

The Ohio Senatorial fight has resolved itself into a compromise in which Congressman Burton will escape the Steam Roller and ride into the Senate and on the wings of victory.



1909—Happy New Year, everyone! Here's something to keep them!

Classified Advertisements.

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for general housework. Apply 509
VINE STREET.

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gentlemen, with breakfast preferably.
Address: "N. Courier Office."

WANTED—ONE FIRST CLASS
STUDENT LADY, who need apply but
must be a good student, and have
a good reputation in piping up P. B. Bellers. Apply to
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Station.

For Rent.

FOR RENT.—HOME No. 512 Cedar
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LOST—ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON
a small gold chain with small gold
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er.

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Good ShoesCONNELLSVILLE, UNIONTOWN,
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Our goods come straight from
the mills, in mill lots, at mill
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We have the biggest tailor
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We make as quickly as you
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any other good tailor, and
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All clothes made by us press
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147 W. Main St., Seaville Block
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Happy New Year, Everybody!

This house of Good Shoes is very grateful for the patronage
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For 1909 we shall redouble our efforts to keep this
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The Shoe Store of Connellsville.

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C. W. DOWNS & CO.,
Connellsville's Leading High Grade Shoe Store.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

129, 131 and 133 N. Pittsburg Street,
CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Pennsylvania—Clear Friday
and Saturday.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Hold Their Last New Year's Reception.

THE ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE

Extraordinary Precautions Taken By Secret Service to Guard the Life of the President.—The Public Also Received.

Special to The Courier.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—In accordance with time-honored tradition President Roosevelt held the customary New Year's reception at the White House today. Under the present administration, these receptions have always been unusually brilliant, and today's event, perhaps because it was President Roosevelt's last function of that kind, surpassed in brilliance and large attendance even that of last year, which held the record in both respects.

The grounds surrounding the White House had been put in perfect condition during the past few days and the White House, in the reception had been decorated with unprecedented magnificence. Plants and flowers from the greenhouses had been grouped in different halls, rooms and corridors with exquisite taste, to form an artistic background for the gorgeous uniforms and court dresses of the diplomats and attending representatives of the Army and Navy.

Within certain restrictions the receptions at the White House on New Year's Day are free to all and every year thousands avail themselves of this opportunity to pay their respects to the President and, incidentally, to gratify their curiosity. But, never had been greater the number of those craving admission to the White House than today. The lines in the grounds began to form long before 9 o'clock, while the beginning of the reception had been set, as usual, for 11 o'clock.

Before the opening of the public reception President and Mrs. Roosevelt, assisted by Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Miss Ethel Roosevelt, who has made her social debut only a few days ago, received the members of the Cabinet and their ladies. The President, attired in the regulation frock coat, with turndown collar and a dark tie, seemed to be in excellent humor and chatted gaily with the members of his official family, while Mrs. Roosevelt, in a handsome reception gown, made the honor of the occasion to the wives and daughters of the Cabinet ministers. Vice President Fairbanks and Mrs. Fairbanks headed the Cabinet party and were followed in order by Secretary and Mrs. Root and other members of the Cabinet and their ladies.

A few minutes before 11 o'clock a trumpet fanfare heralded the beginning of the reception. The Marine Band, hidden in the corridor, behind a screen of ferns and palms, struck up an inspiring march and the receiving party, headed by President and Mrs. Roosevelt descended the stairs from the upper floor, crossed the corridor and entered the Blue Parlor, where the reception was to be held.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt took their position near the door leading from the Red Room to the Blue Parlor and the other members of the receiving party, in the order of their official rank, arranged themselves alongside, forming a semi-circle in the South end of the room. Around the doorway through which the visitors were to enter, secret service men stood, who kept their eyes upon the guests as they passed through the door. Nobody was permitted to carry a handkerchief or muffler in his hand and nobody was permitted to pass along the line with hands in his pockets.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the doors of the Red Room were thrown open and the foreign ambassadors and their staffs, accompanied by their ladies, began to file into the Blue Parlor, where they were cordially greeted by the President and formally introduced to the other members of the receiving party. First came the deans of the diplomatic corps, Baron Hohenlohe, the Austrian-Hungarian ambassador, accompanied by the Baroness. The ambassador personally introduced the members of his staff, all of whom were resplendent in their diplomatic or military uniforms. Next in order came the Ambassador from France and Mme. Jusserand and after them the other foreign ambassadors according to their "undictated." There were but few changes in the personnel of the ambassadorial party. Germany was represented by Count Johann Heinrich von Bornstorff, the successor of Baron Speck von Sternberg. He was accompanied by his wife, an American woman. China was again represented by Wu Ting Fang, who was accompanied by a gorgeously arrayed staff.

After the ambassadors came the ministers and minor diplomatic representatives, among them Count Molte, the newly appointed minister from Denmark and his charming wife and the new Swedish Minister, de Lagercrantz and his wife. The members of the diplomatic corps were later entertained at breakfast by Secretary and Mrs. Root.

After the diplomatic corps followed the Supreme Court and other Justices.

FOUR OF PITTSBURG'S COUNCILMEN WHO FIGURE IN BIG SCANDAL



Joseph Wesson, Councilman.



T. D. Atkinson, Councilman.



Johnny Kieln, Councilman.



William Brand, Councilman.

and after the representatives of the Army and Navy had paid their respects to the President, the general public was admitted.

LOREE TALKED OF FOR N. Y. CENTRAL.

J. E. Muhlfeld Said To Be Sated For High Position On Vanderbilt Lines.

More talk has been heard during the past few days about the choice of a new President of the New York Central lines to succeed W. H. Newmann, who handed in his resignation recently, to become effective February 1. It was thought possible by many that some decisive action would be taken at the regular meeting in New York yesterday, but if anything that character engaged attention it was not made public. The meeting lasted only half an hour.

While no one will dispute what has often been said, that W. C. Brown, senior Vice President of the New York Central, is the logical successor to Mr. Newmann, other names have been suggested. The one dealt with most is L. F. Loree, former President of the Baltimore & Ohio, now President of the Delaware & Hudson. Mr. Loree has also been spoken of in connection with the Presidency of the new company to be organized by merging the Wheeling & Lake Erie, the Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal and the Westside Salt railroads, when the re-

organization of the three Grand lines can take place. J. E. Muhlfeld, who recently resigned as General Superintendent of motive power of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, is said to be slated for a high position with the New York Central.

According to another story in circulation, but which requires verification, E. H. Harriman was elected three weeks ago Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors in place of Chauncey M. Depew, but for private and specific reasons, publicity of the fact has been withheld.

CONNELLSVILLE MEN FILE THEIR PETITIONS.

S. Scott Snader Will Make a Fight For Tax Collector on the Republican Can. Ticket.

Connellsville is well represented in the batches of nomination papers which are being filed at the office of the County Commissioners. Tomorrow is the last day for filing these and the Commissioners' office will be closed promptly at 5 o'clock in the evening. Any petitions reaching the office after that time will be too late for the petitioner to get his name on the primary ballot.

This morning S. S. Snader filed his papers for Republican candidate to succeed George B. Brown as Tax Collector in Connellsville. It was at first thought Mr. Brown would have no opposition but Snader has entered the list of contestants.

William G. Hicks will contest the nomination of Dr. T. H. White for School Director in the Second Ward. Thomas J. Brennan has filed his papers as a candidate for Council from the same ward on the Democratic ticket.

PARENTS FOLLOW

Commit Suicide After Daughter Had Died of Pneumonia.

New York, Jan. 1.—Unable to endure the thought of spending their declining years alone and without the cheering presence of a daughter, whom they both worshipped, Professor J. P. Gordy of New York university and his wife committed suicide a few hours after the death of their daughter. The girl, eighteen years old, died of pneumonia.

The parents retired to their apartment and, getting into bed, swallowed the contents of three bottles of chloroform. They were found clasped in each other's arms.

Kills Brother For Swearing.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 1.—Lee Marshall Banks, deeply religious, shot and killed his brother John at their home near Muskogee, Okla., because John used profanity while in the house.

EARLY HAPPENINGS IN NEW YEAR.

BERNE, Jan. 1.—With the simple ceremonial customary to the occasion, Adolphe Dautcher was today installed as President of the Swiss Republic in succession to Dr. F. C. Breuer.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 1.—The heads of the various departments of the National Educational Association met in conference here today to formulate a program for the association's next convention, which is to be held in Denver next July.

DAYTON, Ky., Jan. 1.—Many crack shots faced the traps here today at the opening of the third annual Tri-State championship tournament of the Northern Kentucky Gun Club. Three events comprised the day's program, open to both amateurs and professionals.

ROME, Jan. 1.—The Pope today sent his blessing to the faithful throughout the world in return for the many manifestations of affection received by him with the advent of the new year.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 1.—The New Year's reception of President Diaz at the National Palace today was attended by the foreign diplomats, the judges of the courts, members of Congress, civil officials, officers of the army and navy and many others.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—The postal agreement recently concluded between the United States and Germany went into effect today. The chief feature is the reduction from five cents to two cents in the postage of letters routed direct between the two countries.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—More than five thousand numbers attired in gaudy costumes took part today in the New Year "Shooters" parade, which for years has been a unique and picturesque feature of the elaborate New Year's celebration in Philadelphia.

TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 1.—Guests from Chicago, Kansas City and other points are here for the wedding of Miss Anna Hoch, daughter of Governor and Mrs. Edward W. Hoch, and James Winfield Reid of Chanute, which takes place this evening at the governor's home.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Hundreds of distinguished guests, including all of the prominent members of the American colony in London, attended the New Year's reception given today by Ambassador and Mrs. Roth.

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 1.—The elaborate floral parades and carnival, which has been the big feature of the mid-winter season in Pasadena for nearly twenty years, took place today as usual and was witnessed by a crowd estimated at over 30,000 persons.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Brilliant ceremonies today attended the inauguration of Governor Charles E. Hughes for a second term. A parade of military escort the Governor to the Capitol, where the ceremonies of installation took place at 1 o'clock in the Executive Chamber. The inauguration was followed by a public reception.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—The withdrawal of the American troops from Cuba was begun today with the departure of the cruiser Prairie with 400 marines returning to the United States. The Prairie is to be followed tomorrow by the transport Sumner with the Twenty-eighth Infantry on board. The evacuation is expected to be complete by April.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 1.—The pension system put into operation today by the packing concern of Nelson Morris & Company, is one of the most comprehensive ever adopted by an American industrial corporation for the benefit of its employees. In addition to the pension fund the plan embraces an employees' cooperative bank and an industrial profit-sharing scheme. Ten thousand employees of the main and subsidiary companies will share in the benefits of the plan.

Have you tried our classified ads?

AT THE THEATRES.

SOISSON THEATRE.

Guy Bros. Minstrels.

The old reliable Guy Brothers with their first-class minstrel show, will make a visit to the Soisson Theatre Monday, January 4. They carry a company of 40 singers, dancers and comedians, and every one is an artist in his line. The famous silver concert band will parade at noon and give a concert in front of the theatre at 7:30. Each year they bring a brand new show and each year the show seems a little better than their previous year. There is a lot of new music still left. There is also the fun fountain.

"Married For Money."

The attraction at the Soisson Theatre, January 5, will be Lene B. Parker's new powerful drama of contemporaneous American social life, entitled, "Married For Money," or "The Old Wife and the New," and will be presented for the second time in this city next Tuesday, January 5.

The play deals with a certain phase of life

in some of our most select social circles, and is a startling exposition of the evils consequent upon a too liberal belief in the sacredness of the marriage vow and the disregard of the sanctity of the home. The story is one of absorbing heart interest and to all lovers of the drama, it will undoubtedly prove one of the dramatic treats of the season. The tour is under the direction of Cluy T. Vance, who has provided a competent cast and adequate costume and accessories.

CASINO: THEATRE.

"The Prairie Billes Burlesque.

T. L. White will present the "Puritan Billes" in a rapid fire first part "The Aristocrats" and the big screen "The Actor's Hotel" as the after piece. Both farces are replete with comedy that convulse their audiences and are interspersed with musical singing and dancing numbers by a beauty chorus of 20 ladies whose ability and grace of execution pronounced them past masters of the terpsichorean art. Particular attention on the part of the management to the wardrobe has produced an effect which for color scheme, glitter and brilliancy has not been seen heretofore. It is without fear of contradiction that they pronounce this one of the star burlesque attractions on the road this season.

The other is another feature with "The Puritan Billes" that deserves special mention as it contains five acts of exceptional merit. The entertainment is pleasing in the extreme and is made up of the following favorites: Misses Hazel Grant, Williams and Segal, Ayers, Granlich and Conklin, Miss Margaret King. Extra added feature Raymond and Santona in their clever fencing and boxing act.

ENJOYABLE DANCE.

George Whipple is the Guest of Honor at Jimtown Affair.

George Whipple of Hulftown was guest of honor at a very enjoyable dance held Wednesday evening at the home of Paul Burkett at Jimtown. Dancing was indulged in from 8 until after 2 o'clock. A feature of the evening was a prize waltz at 10:30 o'clock. The prizes which were very pretty toilet sets were won by Mrs. Burkett and George Whipple. At 11:30 o'clock a sumptuous supper was served, covers being laid for 18. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Jimtown. The decorations were carried out in carnations and roses.

The out of town guests present were A. Boner, Alva Cochran, K. Cochran and Earl Cable of Dawson; Misses Meude and Gladie Orbin, Earl Hixenbaugh, Orrville Orbin and George Henneasy of Dry Hill.

The Roundup.

Our next serial story will begin in a few days. Don't miss reading it.

Cured After Fifteen Years of Suffering.

Old City Lady Seventy Years Old & Victim of Muscular Rheumatism—Praises Urle-O.

The following letter from a resident of Old City, Pa., tells how after many years of suffering with Muscular Rheumatism, a cure was found in Smith's Prescription, Urle-O. Write to the manufacturer, Smith's Prescription, 126 West Peach Street, Troy, N. Y., for a sample.

I have been afflicted with muscular rheumatism for the past 15 years and have been to many physicians and hospitals. I at one time went to the local physician for the medicine, and have taken four or five large bottles and find that I am now entirely cured. I have not past 70 years of age, but I am as active as any of my children. I cheerfully recommend Urle-O to anyone suffering with any form of rheumatism. Mrs. B. McIver, 70, of Troy, N. Y., is cured by Urle-O. It is sold by druggists at 75¢ and \$1.00 a bottle. You can obtain a liberal sample by writing to the Smith Drug Company, 226 Smith Building, Troy, N. Y.

Urle-O is sold and personally recommended by Graham & Company.

ONE HALF-MILLINERY-ONE HALF

We have 97 Trimmed Hats in our Millinery Department, which we have decided to close out at half price. These hats are models of millinery art and are hats that have sold from \$2.99 to \$10.00. You may have your choice of the assortment while they last for just one half. Come in and look them over while the assortment is complete and secure an early choice.

Shoes, Rubbers

Ladies' Rubbers, Storm or Grand cut, pair \$1.25
Misses' Rubbers, sizes 11 to 16, pair \$1.00
Men's Arctics \$1.00
Men's rolled edge Double Sole Rubbers, pair \$1.00
Men's Dress Work Shoes, pair \$1.25

Ladies' and Misses' line Dress Shoes, pair \$1.25
Dress line, Solid Leather Dress Shoes, sizes 11 to 16, pair \$1.00
Boys' Solid Leather Shoes, sizes 5 to 13 1/2, pair \$1.00
Boys' Solid Leather Shoes, sizes 2 to 13 1/2, pair \$1.25
Men's high cut Tan Blucher Shoes, sizes 11 to 16, pair \$1.25

Boys' extra high cut Calypso Shoes, per pair \$1.25
Men's Felt Boots, with high perfection gusset over pair, \$1.00
The Whitcomb Shoe for men, all sizes, all styles \$1.25
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Wool Blankets, black and white barred, full 3 1/2 lb. blanket, pair \$1.25

Fine soft all Wool Blankets in all the colors, blue and white barred, red and black, black and grey and tan, with colored stripe border, pair \$1.00

Good full size Comforts 99¢

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Large Comforts, fine silkline covering in fancy patterns, filled with white carded cotton, fancy stitching. Price \$1.00

Fine Comforts, assortments patterns, covered with finest interwoven satin, a beautiful lot of patterns, extra size, filled with white carded cotton, 7 1/2 pounds weight, each

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Fine 10 1/2 Cotton Blankets, extra gray and tan, with colored stripe border, pair \$1.00

Extra large Cotton Blankets, fancy stripe and barred patterns, beautiful combinations, and heavy weight, pair \$1.40

Wool Blankets, black and white barred, full 3 1/2 lb. blanket, pair \$1.25

Fine soft all Wool Blankets in all the colors, blue and white barred, red and black, black and grey and white barred, full four pound blankets, pair \$1.50

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New Year's Greeting

HISTORY MAKING EVENTS THAT TRANSPRIRED DURING YEAR 1908.

Election of Mr. Taft, as President, to Further Roosevelt Policies Among Most Important.

RULERS NERVE RACKING YEAR

All Men Who Have Occupied Places at Heads of Governments Have Been Assailed With Many Troublesome Difficulties—After All Something To Be Thankful For.

By EDWIN S. POTTER,
Editor Universal News Analysis.

Despite the Depression, Republicans Retain Control.

Looking now calmly and dispassionately back across the field of conflicting interests and balancing forces which shaped the American presidential campaign of 1908, one incontestable conclusion forces itself on the open mind. It is that a majority of the people became convinced in one way or another that it is "better to bear the evils that they have not" and to give the trust regulating policies of President Roosevelt a longer and fairer trial in the hands of his favorite adviser, William Howard Taft. Now the people became so minded as a question to which no answer can be found to suit all kinds of partisans. The salient facts can, however, be recounted briefly and with historical impartiality.

On Jan. 8 was issued the challenge of the dominant personality and official of the party in power which was to determine in many ways the plans of battle of the different parties—namely, the message of President Roosevelt to congress advocating his program of radical legislation.

On June 10 at Chicago the Republicans got together. They cheered forty minutes when Chairman Lodge eulogized the president and seated all the Taft contestants. The thoroughness of this operation caused it to be described as the administration "steal" of which Frank H. Hitchcock was the engineer. The only fight was on the court injunction plank. Samuel Gompers, head of the A. F. of L., and other leaders of organized labor, confronted with numerous court decisions unfavorable to their methods and facing lower wages or lack of work for many workers, had decided to fight in the open for the party. Despite the warnings of the Gompers "cabinet" before the platform committee the plank finally adopted at Chicago was not to their liking. Van Cleve, Cannon, Crane and other Republican leaders insisted upon upholding the integrity of the courts, but asserting that the rules of injunction procedure be "more accurately defined by statute" and that no injunction should issue without due notice "except where irreparable injury would result from delay." William H. Taft at Ohio was nominated for president on the first ballot and James S. Sherman of New York for vice president.

On July 7 at Denver the national convention of the Democratic party assembled with the knowledge that an overwhelming majority of its delegates were pledged to the nomination of William J. Bryan of Nebraska. The big gathering broke all records for continuous cheering when the blustery Oklahoma senator, Gore, eulogized the Nebraskan, the demonstration lasting eighty-seven minutes. Bryan was nominated on the first ballot, although the names of Johnson and Gray were presented. John W. Kern of Indiana, with the approval of Bryan, was named for second place.

As in the Republican convention, the main contest had to do with the wording of the injunction or labor plank of the platform. Gompers was present and gave his assent to the plank finally agreed upon. While asserting that "courts of justice are the bulwark of our liberty," it demanded a modification of the injunction law so as to provide for a trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt. It declared against treating labor organizations as illegal combinations in restraint of trade, favored the eight hour day and promised a general employers' liability law.

Bryan at once induced his executive committee to say that it would reject all corporate gifts, would limit individual donations to \$10,000 and would publish on Oct. 15 and daily thereafter the names of givers of \$100 and upward. The final total published after election was \$820,144 from 75,000 contributors. Although the Republican convention had rejected a publicity plank, Taft and his managers decided to work under the New York law and publish names and amounts of contributors after the election. Their funds totaled \$1,053,518.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who had engrossed the Taft canvas, was chosen chairman of the Republican national committee, and George R. Sheldon was made treasurer. The Democrats elected Norman E. Stack, the Buffalo newspaper proprietor, as their national chairman and Governor Haskell of Oklahoma as holder of the purse. When Treasurer Haskell resigned, his place was filled by Herman Ridder, editor of the New York *States-Zeitung*.

July 25 at Cincinnati, Taft delivered his speech of acceptance. He frankly accepted the role of "me too" by defending the Roosevelt policies in their

rich bills, with provision for a joint committee to report on permanent reforms, was adopted by both branches and signed by the president.

Under the president's prodding the sterling liability bill was advanced by the majority and passed unanimously in both houses. This holds interstate carriers liable for injuries to employees and abolishes the rule barring compensation when the negligence of a fellow employee can be proved.

The Democratic filibuster was met by a gag rule and daily recess until the majority had accomplished its purpose.

This included provision for two new battleships instead of the four urged by the president, higher pay for army officers and privates and a liability bill to protect employees in the service of the government. The house failed to pass the anti-injunction and anti-trust amendment to the Sherman law desired by the president in the interest of labor. "In God We Trust" was restored to the gold coins. The total appropriations of the session reached the record figure of \$1,604,000,804.

Congress recessed Dec. 7 and received the final Roosevelt message, in which executive control of legalized trusts was advocated and judges were urged to heed the will of legislators according to present day standards.

Another controversy arose over one passage which intimated that congress had confined the secret service to the treasury department because members did not want to be investigated. The senate moved an investigation of the secret service, and the house demanded proof of the president's assertions.

PORTUGAL.—The term of Republicanism in the Portuguese monarchy after long restraint found vent in the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis Feb. 1 while they were riding in the streets of Lisbon.

The younger son, Manuel, who was slightly wounded, succeeded to the throne, and the hated Premier Franco fled the country. Subsequent elections

repeated the Conservatives still in a large majority.

MOROCCO.—On Aug. 24 the oft-repeated story of the defeat of Sultan Abdul Aziz by the forces of the pretender, Muaii Idris, proved to be true, and the latter demanded recognition of the powers as the sultan. That was

where the German emperor made a peck of trouble by recognizing Idris without consulting the nations in the Algeciras conference. France firmly objected, Spain seconded, and the kaiser "came down." Then they all bowed to *Haus* together.

PERU.—The radical first parliament at Tscherni under the constitution granted in 1907 was wiped out of existence in a bloody battle with the shah's soldiers June 23, 400 persons being killed in the streets, the parliament buildings battered down, and some of the radical leaders executed. The revolutionists captured and held Taibz.

JAPAN.—The Japanese government gave the American fleet a wonderful reception, the mikado and the president exchanging most cordial greetings.

CHINA.—On Nov. 13 Emperor Kuang-Sun and the dowager empress, who had been for a generation the real rulers of China, died. Pei Yi, the infant son of Prince-Chun, had been designated as heir to the throne, and the regency was seized by Prince-Chun.

CENTRAL AMERICA.—The federal courts in January had a deficit of \$10,000,000, which grew to \$60,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year. The postoffice department, by order of the president, ruled that papers in foreign languages must submit translations and authorized postmasters to exclude papers containing incitements to murder, arson and treason. In May the parcel limit to England was raised to eleven pounds, and Oct. 1 the postal rate to that country was lowered to 2 cents, later the same to Germany.

On Aug. 14 the president appointed a commission, headed by Professor L. H. Bailey of Cornell, to gather data looking to betterment of farm life.

May 13 to 15 at the White House the first conference of state governors and noted men met the president to discuss the conservation of national resources, the conference making a new element of national unity. This body recommended Dec. 8 and approved a great scheme of waterways by a bond

Pont. The powder trust head, from the chairmanship of the Republican speakers bureau. Both the president and Taft took the ground that publishing names of contributors before election would be to invite unfair and partisan criticism of candidates.

HAITI.—The Haitian was torn by two revolts, that of the *Haitian* and *Français* in January

being crushed, but the second, under Antoine Simon, resulting in the bloodless capture of Port au Prince and the fall of the Nord-Alexis government Dec. 2. As the forces of Simon approached the capital, the officers of Alexis deserted and the people turned against him, so that he was barely able to escape with his life on board a French warship. Simon took possession of the city and on Dec. 17 was elected president by the Haitian congress.

RAYS OF HOPE FOLLOW
YEAR OF BUSINESS DISTRESS.

EVERYTHING IS RELATIVE. WHILE BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE STILL FAR, FROM WHAT THEY WERE TWO YEARS AGO, THE END OF 1908 PRESENTS AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK IN COMPARISON TO THAT WHICH CAPITAL AND LABOR FACED LAST JANUARY. THOUGH 383,000 FREIGHT CARS WERE IDLE, THOUSANDS OF MILLS AND FACTORIES WERE CLOSED, AT LEAST 2,000,000 MEN WERE WORKED ON PART TIME OR AT REDUCED WAGES, GOODS ON HAND COULD NOT BE SOLD AT A PROFIT, RAILROAD AND INDUSTRIAL STOCKS WERE BATTERED IN PRICE ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION, AND AT HIGH RATES OF INTEREST LITTLE MONEY COULD BE EXTENDED FROM BIDING. FEW POSSESSED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON THE EVE OF A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN WHICH BOTH THE OLD PARTIES WERE CONSIDERING RADICAL MEASURES FOR SCALING OFF THE BOGUS OF SOCIALISM. PROCESSIONS OF THE UNEMPLOYED MARCHED IN THE LARGER CITIES AND GAVE AUTHORITY TO A CAGE OF NERVES.

A large number of strikes resulted from wage reductions, but few were successful.

THE RAILROADS WERE BETWEEN THE DEVS. OF REDUCED TRAFFIC AND THE DEVS. OF A THREATENED GENERAL STRIKE. THEIR

OWN BULOW TO ACCOUNT, AND WILLIAM MADE CONCESSIONS.

TURKEY.—The leave of democracy showed signs of working even in the European stronghold of autocratic Islam. The sultan of Turkey saw his army turning from him under the influence of the Young Turk party and, thus powerless, he put into effect the liberating edict, letter of constitution of 1876 and called into being a national parliament at Constantinople. This body met and adjourned rejoicing Dec. 17.

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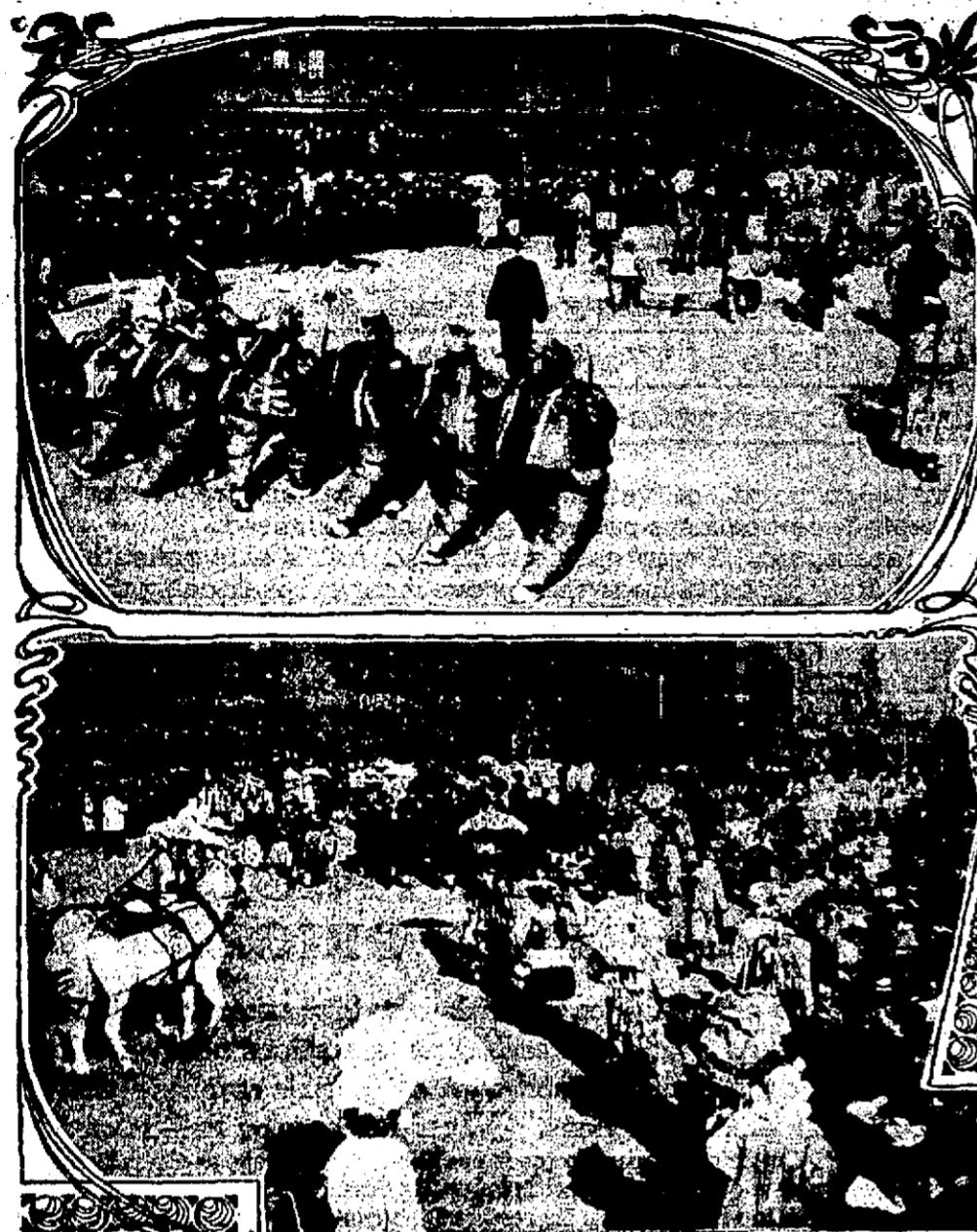
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The Shooters' parade the pageant which marks the New Year's Day celebration in Philadelphia annually, is probably the most elaborate show of its kind in the world. The city each year appropriates \$5,000 for the event, and individual members and various branches of the organization vie with one another in presenting costly and unique displays. Many thousands of dollars are offered in prizes for the competition, and large sums of money are spent for costumes, floats and other accessories. Individuals have been known to spend \$5,000 on a single display.

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General Peter C. Hains and Mrs. Hains Testify In Behalf of Their Accused Sons, Thornton and Captain Hains.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 1.—General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of Thornton J. Hains, now being tried before Justice Crane as a principal in the slaying of William R. Amis, were witnesses in their son's behalf and their testimony brought out in full detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Amis that caused the estrangement of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton Hains, the captain's wife, Claudia Hains, made a full confession of misconduct and that subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from the disclosures that his mental condition became affected. The confession, which General Hains declared his wife's son Clinton Hains had signed on the day following Captain Hains's return from the west, was read to the jury.

Through Mrs. General Hains, who wept many times during her story, the defense drew out facts that Captain Hains in his early life evidenced physical weakness, which counsel will endeavor to prove through three experts, were a predisposing cause to insanity. General Hains was permitted to say that his father died from insanity.

Justice Crane directed Blaiford Attorney Darrin, whose term expired last night, to continue as the prosecutor in the Hains case. Thornton J. Hains will be called to the witness stand next Monday.

SLEUTHS TO BE TRAILED

Senate Intends to Investigate Conduct of Secret Service.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The proposed inquiry by the senate committee on appropriations into the methods of

the secret service will be very searching is definitely stated today. The announcement is made by Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee.

Senator Hale said: "The extent and use and the kind of work performed by the secret service under the direction of the heads of certain departments have greatly and startlingly been amplified during the last few years, and it is this situation which has attracted the attention of the senator and is the foundation of its investigation.

"The very limited secret service of the government began in small appropriations and small forces and almost entirely directed to investigations into counterfeiting and frauds upon the currency, but it is believed that this has been greatly departed from and that the extension of this service is alarming and dangerous and beyond the legitimate function of the government."

**ASSAULT PLANNED
ON SOLID SOUTH**

Taft Favors Encouragement of Political Independence—Will Not Discuse Brother's Withdrawal.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Beyond the remark that the withdrawal of Charles P. Tagg from the senatorial contest in Ohio in favor of Representative Burton was a move in the interest of party harmony President-elect Taft would say nothing on the subject.

Another conference was held on the subject of the best means to take advantage of the sentiment in the south which favors a political change. Charles H. Sherrill, of the National Business Men's League of New York was one of the conferees, while Messrs. Taft, Hammond and Hitchcock were the others.

A statement was dictated by Mr. Taft, in which he says:

"With the purpose of securing the assistance of those who do not desire to ally themselves with the Republican party as Republicans but wish only to be party-independent, the Democratic party in national campaigns, it was thought best to secure names of those who would take charge of this independent movement in each state, with a view to their subsequent organization at a time when such political action would be opportune."

OPEN UP ROOMS TODAY

Senatorial Candidates Arrive on Scene at Pennsylvania Capital.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Headquarters of the various candidates for United States senator and the speakership of the house were opened here

**The Mystery
of
The Yellow Room**

By GASTON LEROUX

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"I admire you for your silence," said Rouleauville, "but if Mlle. Stangerson knew of your danger she would release you from your oath. She would beg of you to tell all she has confided to you. She would be here to defend you."

M. Darzac made no movement nor uttered a word. He looked at Rouleauville sadly.

"However," said the young reporter, "since indomitable is not here I must do it myself. But, believe me, M. Darzac, the only means to save Mlle. Stangerson and restore her to her reason is to secure your acquittal."

"What is this secret motive that compels Mlle. Stangerson to hide her knowledge from her father?" asked the president.

"That, monsieur, I do not know," said Rouleauville. "It is no business of mine."

The president, turning to M. Darzac, endeavored to induce him to tell what he knew.

"Do you still refuse, monsieur, to tell us how you employed your time during the attempts on the life of Mlle. Stangerson?"

"I cannot tell you anything, monsieur."

The president turned to Rouleauville as if appealing for an explanation.

"We must assume, M. President, that M. Robert Darzac's absences are closely connected with Mlle. Stangerson's secret and that M. Darzac feels himself bound to remain silent. It may be that Larsan, who since his three attempts has had everything to train to cast suspicion on M. Darzac, has fixed on just those occasions for a meeting with M. Darzac at a spot most compromising. Larsan is cunning enough to have done that!"

The president seemed partly convinced; but, still curious, he asked:

"But what is this secret of Mlle. Stangerson?"

"That I cannot tell you," said Rouleauville.

"I think, however, you know enough now to recall M. Robert Darzac, unless Larsan should return, and I don't think he will," he added, with a laugh.

"One question more," said the president. "Admitting your explanation, we know that Larsan wished to turn suspicion on M. Robert Darzac, but why should he throw suspicion on Daddy Jacques also?"

"There came in the professional detective, monsieur, who proves himself an marvel of mysteries, by accumulating the very proofs he had accumulated. He's a very cunning man, and a similar trick had often enabled him to turn suspicion on himself. He proved the innocence of one before accusing the other. You can easily believe, monsieur, that so complicated a scheme as this must have been long and carefully thought out in advance by Larsan. He found the opportunity to rob Daddy Jacques of a pair of old boots and a cast-off Basque cap, which the servant had tied up in a handkerchief with the intention of carrying them to a friend, a charcoal burner on the road to Epinay. When the crime was discovered Daddy Jacques had immediately recognized these objects as his. They were extremely compromising, which explains his distress at the time when we spoke to him about them. Larsan confessed it all to me."

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"But my important point escaped us both. It was one which ought to have opened our eyes to Larsan. Do you remember the bamboo case? I was surprised to find Larsan had made no use of that evidence against Robert Darzac. Had it not been purchased by a man whose description tallied exactly with that of Darzac? Well, just before I saw him off at the train after the recess during the trial I asked him why he hadn't used the cane evidence. He told me he had never had any intention of doing so; that our discovery of it in the little box at Epinay had much embarrassed him. If you will remember, he told us then that the cane had been given him in London. Why did we not immediately say to ourselves: 'Fred is lying; he could not have had this cane in London; he was not in London; he bought it in Paris?' Then you found out on inquiry at Cassette's that the cane had been bought by a person dressed very like Robert Darzac, though, as we learned later from Darzac himself, it was not he who had made the purchase. Couple this with the fact we already knew from the letter at the poste restante that there was actually a man in Paris who was passing as Robert Darzac. Why did we not immediately fix on Fred himself?"

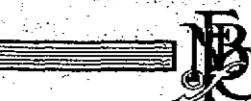
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"All these details came back to my mind when I had once fixed on Larsan as the criminal. But they were too late then to be of any use to me. On the evening when he pretended to be drugged, I looked at his hand and saw a thin silk bandage covering the signs of a slight healing wound. Had we taken a quicker initiative at the time Larsan told us that lie about the cane, I am certain he would have gone off to close his hand in carrying it. All the same, we worried Larsan, or Ballmeyer, without our knowing it."

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Lloyd C. Griscom, American Ambassador, Leaves Today for Stricken District and Will Report for Government.

THE SURVIVORS ARE STARVING

Greatest of Importance Is That of Providing Food and Shelter—Many Americans in Hotels Gave Way to Have Perished—Messages Pouring In.

Rome, Jan. 1.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the strait of Messina reports that the Lipari islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population in the group numbers 28,000 and must inevitably have perished.

The minister of marine has rushed a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts.

The Liparians lie to the northeast of the island of Sicily. The group consists of numerous islands, the seven principal ones being Stromboli, Pantelleria, Salina, Lipari, Vulcano, Milazzo and Alicudi. The group is part of the province of Messina.

The climate is highly salubrious and the land is well cultivated and yields grapes, cotton and olives. The islands also are known as the Aeolian Islands and here, according to fable, Aeolus held the winds imprisoned in the caverns and released them at his pleasure. Here also Vulcan forged the bolts of Jove.

Rome, Jan. 1.—Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador, left here today and will proceed to Messina and other places in the south on an Italian warship in search of information concerning missing American travelers. It has been found impossible to obtain tidings of the hundreds of foreigners supposed to have been in the zone about whom inquiries have been made to the government and the various embassies.

Estimated of the death roll of the earthquake have ceased to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming—there will add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance. Shiploads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports and, according to the minister of marine, rescue vessels to the number of thirty-six are now centered in the strait of Messina, and 5,000 soldiers are being landed on the two coasts.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely long survive their sufferings. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these helpless people, and it has now been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

Heavy Mortality in Hotels. It had been impossible as yet to ascertain whether there were any Americans at the hotels in Messina. The Hotel France collapsed at the first shock and sixty guests were killed. It is asserted that none of these was American. Only two waiters escaped. The Continental hotel was destroyed, but it seems that no Americans were staying there. Almost all the guests at the Hotel Trinacria, including J. C. Martens, the Swedish consul, are dead. Nothing has been learned definitely as to the number of Americans in that hotel, which was the leading one of the city.

The American embassy here is in receipt of a great number of messages of inquiry from the United States seeking information concerning Americans believed to have been in the earthquake zone, but it has been found impossible to obtain any information. Even though they had escaped, American visitors in that section of Italy would find it impossible to communicate by telegram with their friends on account of interruption to telegraph lines.

The horror of the situation at Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death toll throughout the entire territory as high as \$60,000, but this appears to be extreme. Others make their outside estimate 200,000, but the official estimate as made by the minister of marine still holds to 115,000.

CROWS SEEK CARRION

Great Flocks Assemble in Earthquake Zone For Horrible Feast.

London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Palermo says that up to this morning 100,000 persons had been embarked on the warships and other vessels in the strait of Messina or have otherwise left the devastated district. All the towns and villages along the strait are rapidly becoming depopulated, as there are fears of fresh convulsions.

Grim messages reach Palermo to the effect that clouds of crows have descended on the stricken district, having

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FAYETTE COUNTY'S FASTEST GROWING STORE.

A SWEEPING SALE OF WOMEN'S APPAREL.

We'll Begin Our January Selling With the Greatest Sale of Women's Apparel We've Ever Conducted.

Greatest in three ways—in point of variety—in the radical nature of the price lowering and the absolute correctness of every garment presented.

The directoire styles are paramount. Every garment offered in this sale reflects the styles of Napolion reign, long graceful lines that prove most emphatically the positive correctness of the garment.

The low prices are occasioned only because of our strict store policy of semi-annual clearance. A HALF PRICE ticket means goodly economy wherever found but when its pinned to a woman's tailored suit of unquestioned style, quality and tailoring, it forms the strongest of buying incentive. With almost the entire winter before us, "HALF PRICE for Wright-Metzler apparel" is an announcement that will bring about the most wonderful buying you've ever seen.

Nearly Every Suit at HALF PRICE. Every Coat at Nearly HALF PRICE.

Not a single garment remains at its original price. With but few exceptions every woman's tailored suit in the store at HALF PRICE and these exceptions nearly reach the half price mark, and we wish to state right here and with all possible emphasis that these sale prices represent our final price reductions. We don't employ half-hearted methods in our stock clearances, and this initial cutting of apparel price is positively the final one as the radical nature of it would indicate. With the fullness of new stocks to choose from, with prices lowered to the minimum with nearly a whole winter before us, with the knowledge of the character of the merchandise involved. It is a foregone conclusion that our object (complete clearance) will be quickly and thoroughly accomplished. In both of our big establishments these sale prices are now in effect and will result in the disposal of nearly four hundred garments—we mention this number to enlighten you as to the scope and variety that this sale presents. The result of this announcement will be an immediate response by hundreds of women. If you intend taking advantage of any of these offerings it would not be wise to delay your purchase. It is imperative that early choice be made that you may not be disappointed. You'll realize this when you witness the buying resultant from this announcement.



Women's Tailored Suits

Styles are all influenced strongly by the directoire modes, fabrics include broadcloths, fancy English suitings, etc., in the most wanted weaves and patterns; the tailoring and style qualities are in every instance in accord with our most strict requirements and every garment possesses a distinctive appearance that is of inestimable value to women of taste. The character of the garments must appeal to your discriminative sense as strongly as the lowered prices appeal to your spirit of thrift.

15.00 suits \$7.50	27.50 suits \$13.75
18.00 suits \$9.00	32.50 suits \$16.25
20.00 suits \$10.00	35.00 suits \$17.50
22.50 suits \$11.25	40.00 suits \$20.00
25.00 suits \$13.75	47.50 suits \$23.75

Women's Tailored Coats

Every remaining coat for women is included in this sale, black or fancy. The materials from which they are tailored are broadcloths, cheviots, cravat netted cloths and a broad collection of fancy suitings, among which are "plaid back" materials. These coats are fashioned with cuffs and collars of plaid. Over seventy-five models to choose from. Every one of them absolutely correct in style and faultless tailoring. You'll find them priced in the following manner:

10.00 coats \$7.50	22.50 coats \$15.00
12.50 coats \$8.50	25.00 coats \$16.50
15.00 coats \$10.00	28.50 coats \$19.75
18.00 coats \$12.00	35.00 coats \$25.00
20.00 coats \$13.50	37.50 coats \$25.00
20.00 coats \$15.00	25.00 coats \$18.75